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*My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for He will pluck my feet out of the net.
Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.*

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

9:30 a.m.

This Morning's Hymns

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During Lent the service begins with the sung Litany (pew booklet) and the Collect of the Day being prayed at the end. This replaces the regular Preparatory Rite, Introit, and Kyrie.

✠ THE LITANY ✠

Salutation and Collect

P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

P Let us pray. We implore You, Almighty God: look upon the hearty desires of Your humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Hymn

In the Very Midst of Life

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Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Tract

Psalm 123:1–3a



To You I lift | up my eyes,*

O You who are enthroned in the | heavens!

Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their | master,*

so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till He has mercy up- | on us.

Have mercy upon us, | O LORD,*

have mercy up- | on us.

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:14–28

P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁴Now Jesus was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," ¹⁶while others, to test Him, kept seeking from Him a sign from Heaven. ¹⁷But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²²but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.

²³Whoever is not with Me is against Me, and whoever does not gather with Me scatters.

²⁴“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ ²⁵And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”²⁷As He said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts at which You nursed!” ²⁸But He said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Stand

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven *and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man*; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose Kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is *worshiped and glorified*, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in One Holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

Lord of Our Life

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Sermon

Offering

Stand

Offertory

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

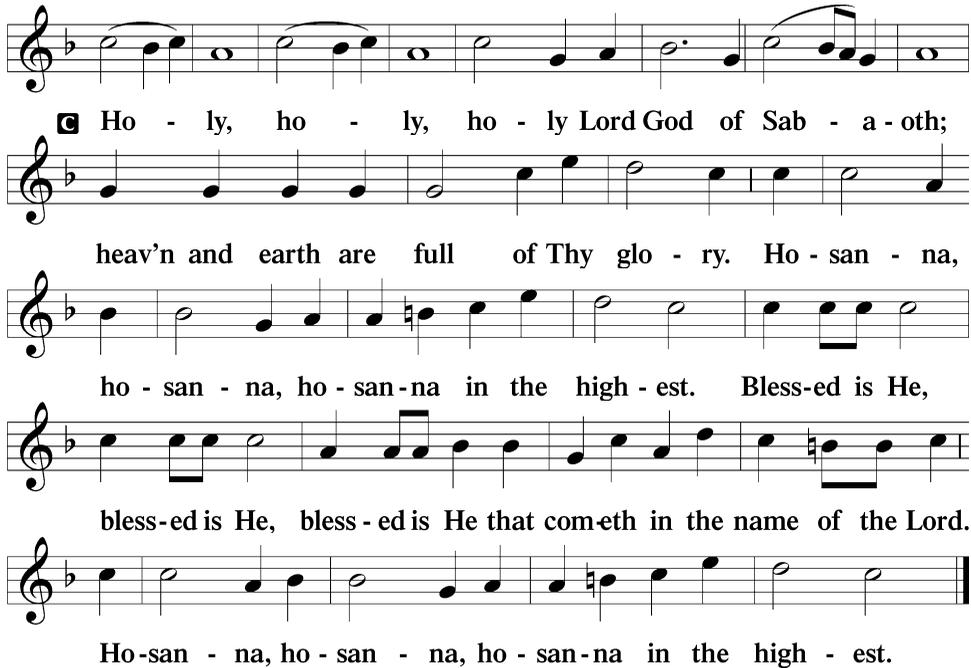
- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
- C** It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden

might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but ✠ deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it,

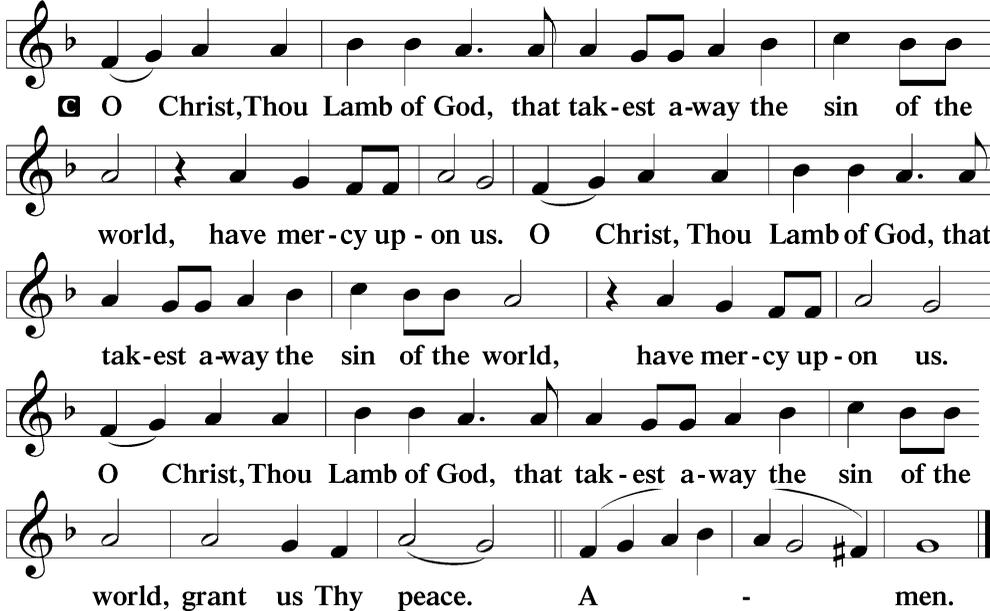
in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Our Lord Jesus Christ declares that the bread and wine in the Holy Communion are His body and blood, and are given to the faithful to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and the assurance of salvation (Matthew 26:26-29; Luke 22:14-20). St. Paul writes to the church at Corinth: **“Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.”** The Holy Communion is received worthily by those who are baptized in the Name of the Triune God, repent of all sin, are instructed in the Christian faith, trust our Lord’s words **“given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,”** and set aside any and all refusal to love and forgive others as God has loved and forgiven them. In so doing, they proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes again.

Because Holy Scripture warns against eating and drinking the body and blood of Christ in an unworthy manner, and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is confessed at this altar, first-time visitors, those who are not baptized and instructed in the Christian faith, those who are in doubt or hold a confession different from that of St. Paul Lutheran Church and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are kindly asked to speak with the pastor before communing. If you are not communing at the Lord’s Table today, but would still like to receive a blessing from the pastor, please cross your arms against

your chest in the form of an "X" upon kneeling at the communion rail.

Sit

Distribution Hymns

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain	435
Jesus, Priceless Treasure	743
Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode	714
Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me	756

Stand

Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.

C And His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your Only-Begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn

Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing

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"To Shine Forth the Light of God's Love into Our World"

BULLETIN NEWS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 20

		<u>Location</u>
9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
11:30am	Adult Bible Class	Irmer Hall
	Sunday School	Mueller Hall

Wednesday, March 23

7:00pm	Confirmation Class	Library
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Thursday, March 24

7:00pm	Midweek Lenten Divine Service	Sanctuary
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Saturday, March 19

10:00am	Matins	Sanctuary
2:00pm	Roger Townsend Memorial Service	Sanctuary

WELCOME AND GODSPEED

Next Sunday, March 27, 2022, St. Paul will receive Austin Mock, Charitie Noggle, and Lois Carlson into membership during the Divine Service. That day we will also bid farewell to Debbie Dyjak, who will be relocating to Abu Dhabi for work. In lieu of Adult Bible Class, there will be a welcome and farewell reception, during which Debbie will tell us about her upcoming work in Abu Dhabi.

WAR IN UKRAINE

As the situation in Ukraine continues, the church prays for peace and for those in harm's way. We also strive to provide for those affected. The Office of International Mission of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is working with several Lutheran church bodies and missionaries in Europe to help our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine, Lutheran refugees, and others affected by the violence. Visit www.lcms.org/ukraine for information, updates, and to offer financial support.

LWML MITES

The LWML "mite-collection" last Sunday totaled \$67. Thank you for your continued support of these mission projects.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

We will be collecting money to support the work of Life Choices Women’s Clinic. Baby bottle coin banks will be available on the narthex counter during the season of Lent. Once you’ve filled a bottle bring it back to church and exchange it for an empty one. The bottle drive will conclude on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022. For more information about Life Choices, visit www.lcwcaz.org

SIGN UP FOR EASTER LILIES!

This year the lilies will be \$15.00 each. **The deadline for orders is April 10, 2022, Palm Sunday.** Please use the white pew envelopes under, “LILIES FOR EASTER.” Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church (please write *Easter Lily* on the memo line). If you would like to include a Dedication or Memorial, please note that as well.

TIME TO RENEW ANNUAL LUTHERAN WITNESS

Lutheran Witness renewal for the new subscription year is July 2022. The price is \$16.00 for 11 issues (June/July is a combined edition). They are delivered to your home address. If you are interested in receiving the *Lutheran Witness* Magazine, please contact the church office at 623-846-2228 or email, info@stpaulslutheran-az.com. For payment, please use the pew envelopes, designate for *Lutheran Witness*. Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church (please write *Lutheran Witness* on the memo line) and place it in the offering collection plate on Sunday. **The deadline to subscribe is April 24.**

EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS

This week’s topics include “Responding to the Arguments for Atheism & Agnosticism,” “Humanism vs. Faith in the Holy Trinity,” “LGBTQ+ Ideology in Public Schools,” “The Post-Resurrected Jesus Appears in Galilee,” and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

March 3 – April 7, Thursday Divine Services	7:00 PM
April 10 – Palm Sunday	9:30 AM
April 14 – Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM
April 15 – Good Friday	7:00 PM
April 16 – Holy Saturday (Atonement Lutheran Church)	7:00 PM
April 17 – Easter Sunday	9:30 AM

“...He bore the sin of many, and makes
intercession for the transgressors.” Isaiah 53:12

LET US PRAY FOR...

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. *For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. or email at info@stpaul Lutheran-az.com. Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.*

IMMEDIATE CONCERNS:

Jody Meredith – recovering from bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy

Rose Tressler – health issues

ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Suzanne Berna – recovering from pneumonia

Jorge Jimenez – fighting cancer

Michael Moreno – complications with COVID

Barbara Sand – recovering from a fall

Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas, Judith Kuhajda

Kevin Stamm – suffering from back pain

Jon Brant – health problems

Gary Armstrong – recovering from surgery

Doc Dalbey – dealing with back pain

THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:

Family and friends of Clavon Dixon, husband of Julie Dixon.

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan, serving in Japan.

PSWD Missions

Rev. Steven Massey and son, Marco, serving in Guatemala.

Rev. Stephen Oliver, wife Maggie and children, serving in Taiwan and the Asia Region.

PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

The Rev. Jeff Proctor, his wife, Joan, and children, Christian, Olivia, Nigel, Fiona & Siwan

Sunday School teachers & children

LCMS officers, congregations & schools

Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff

Lexington Life Academy families & staff

OUR NATION: For the President of the United States, the Governor of Arizona, and their advisors; for all who make and administer the laws in our land; for police officers, firefighters, emergency workers, and all who seek to maintain peace and order.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (*members, friends, or relatives*): Joseph J. Yungkans, Juan Garcia, Tiffany Gilmore, Robert Gilmore, Ethan Peterman, Julian Perez, Mike Nguyen, Jacob Wilson, Lucas Butterfass, Nathanael Dyjak, Erich Dyjak

OUR SHUT-INS: Anne Smith, Arbutus Wood

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